

(a) whether the public sector defence production units are fully utilising their production capacity; .

(b) if not, whether the Government propose to allow the private sector to use the spare capacity of defence units; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). The non-dedicated spare production capacity at the public sector defence production units may be utilised by the concerned units for execution of job orders for other public sector undertakings as well as the private sector.

Dredging of Tuticorin Port

5246. SHRI M. R. KADAMBUR JANARTHANAN: WILL THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT BE pleased to state:

(a) the present position of the Court case pending before the Madras High court due to which the dredging work to further deepen the Tuticorin Port is held up; and

(b) the efforts made to expedite disposal of the case and commence dredging work without any further delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The Three Writ petitions filed by M/s ACC Company Limited in High Court of Madras were dis-

missed during February, 1991.

(b) Hydrographic Survey of approach channel has been taken up and completed through DCI in June, 1991 for assessment of balance dredge quantity. Based on this survey, the dredge quantities are under computation so that the balance dredging to attain the planned draft of 9.14 M (30 FT) could be taken up.

[*Translation*]

Simplified Income Tax Return Forms

5247. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made amendments in income tax return forms several times during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to introduce a simplified income tax return form; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (d). Different income tax return forms have been prescribed for various categories of tax payers. The number of times such forms have been amended during the past three years (1st August, 1988 onwards) is as under:

<i>Type of Income tax Return Form</i>	<i>Broad categories of assesseees covered</i>	<i>Number of times amended during the last three Years (1st August, 1988 to 31st July, 1991).</i>
Form No. 1	Companies	2
Form No. 2	Non-corporate assesseees having income from business or profession	3